

Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development

Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2015

Present: Angela Olszewski- Chair Presiding, Roly Chaput, Paul Dredge, Tom Davison, Bob Bowes, Bob Radochia, William Lyons and Ted Peluso

1- The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM.

2- Acceptance of last meeting minutes was tabled.

3- Treasurer reported \$2040 net at present, of which approximately \$1400 is related to Arlington Alive activities.

4- Updates:

(a)- A full discussion on the Visitors Center (VC) activities was held with particular emphasis on Town Day events. The Hardy Boys Group performed; there were art exhibits by two artists, George Jovellas and Mary Hilt; many visitors stopped by and overall the VC fulfilled its highest expectations.

(b)- The Battle Road Scenic Byway initiative continues to proceed.

(c)- The Arlington International Film Festival (AIFF) Kick-off celebration was held at Town Hall with ATED as a Sponsor. It was well-attended and included exceptional performances by an Armenian Dance Group. Ted Peluso is to follow up with AIFF concerning ATED's presence with Town promotional materials at the Festival in October.

5 – The status of possible grant applications to the Arlington Cultural Council was discussed. ATED will not be seeking funds specifically related to the Visitors

Center. However, grant funds may be sought for other promotional activities, including for Arlington Alive.

6 – A preliminary ATED budget discussion was held. Some discussion was included concerning fund-raising efforts and outreach to the Town business community. When Allan Tosti visited the VC on Town Day, he mentioned that a comprehensive report on ATED's activities for the year would be most helpful for budget request purposes.

7 – Clarissa Rowe has stepped down from ATED Committee membership in view of her other immediate Town activities involvements. That led to a discussion of the prospective composition of the ATED Committee structure and planned activities, including further coordination with the Town's Economic Development Planner. A group comprised of Roly Chaput, Joe Curro and Ted Peluso was appointed to review matters related to these issues and will be reporting to ATED at its next meeting.

8 – A discussion about 2016's Arlington Alive Celebration was had and Tom Davison mentioned that the third week in June, 2016 has been tentatively chosen for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.